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SUBJECT: PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION ON U.S. INTEREST IN MACKENZIE
VALLEY OIL PIPELINE.

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REFTEL BASED ON FRAGMENTARY RECORD (EXCERPT FROM
"GREENS") OF FRASER QUESTIONS AND MACDONALD REPLIES
IN HOUSE OF COMMONS JULY 6. COMPLETE RECORD AS
PUBLISHED IN HANSARD FOR JULY 6 FOLLOWS:

2. "FRASER: MR. SPEAKER, I HAVE A QUESTION FOR THE
MINISTER OF ENERGY, MINES AND RESOURCES. IN VIEW OF
THE STATEMENT OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND
SOME SENATORS THAT WHEN THE ALASKA OIL PIPELINE IS
APPROVED THEY WILL WANT A SECOND OIL PIPELINE FROM
ALASKA THROUGH CANADA TO SUPPLY THE MIDWEST, AND IN
VIEW OF THIS GOVERNMENT'S POSITION THAT IT WOULD LOOK
FAVOURABLY ON A MACKENZIE OIL PIPELINE IN ORDER TO
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AVOID OIL SPILLS OFF THE B.C. COAST, CAN THE MINISTER

TELL THE HOUSE IF THIS GOVERNMENT WOULD LOOK FAVOURABLY
ON AN OIL PIPELINE THROUGH CANADA WHICH DOES NOT REPLACE
THE ALASKAN PIPELINE AND TANKER ROUTE BUT WHICH WOULD
BE IN ADDITION TO THE ALASKA PIPELINE AND TANKER ROUTE?

3. "MACDONALD: NO, SIR.

4. "FRASER: AS A SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION CAN THE
MINISTER INFORM THE HOUSE WHETHER THE UNITED STATES
STATE DEPARTMENT HAS MADE ANY RECENT INQUIRY AS TO
WHETHER THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT HAS ANY STRONG, CURRENT
INTEREST IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MACKENZIE VALLEY
OIL PIPELINE? I EMPHASIZE RECENT.

5. "MACDONALD: YES, SIR. ON BEHALF OF MEMBERS OF
THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT
THROUGH ITS EMBASSY HERE, HAS SUBMITTED QUESTIONS TO
THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA, NOT ONLY THE QUESTION
MENTIONED BY THE HON. GENTLEMAN BUT A SERIES OF OTHER
QUESTIONS, TO WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA HAS
REPLIED IN DETAIL. WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT THE U.S. STATE
DEPARTMENT WILL MAKE CERTAIN THAT THAT MESSAGE IS
RECEIVED BY THE SENATORS AND CONGRESSMAN BEFORE ANY
DECISION IS TAKEN WITHIN THAT LEGISLATIVE BODY."
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